UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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NOTICE TO COUNSEL

This case has been assigned to the calendar of Judge Manuel L. Real.

Counsel are advised that the Court expects strict compliance with the provisions of the Local Rules and the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. NONCOMPLIANCE MAY LEAD TO THE IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WHICH MAY INCLUDE THE STRIKING OF PLEADINGS AND ENTRY OF JUDGMENT OR DISMISSAL OF THE ACTION.

The attention of counsel is particularly directed to Local Rule 9.2. Counsel should also be guided by the following special requirements when litigating cases assigned to Judge Real:

- 1. INTERROGATORIES: See Local Rules.
- 2. MOTIONS: Motions shall be heard on the first and third

Monday of each month at 10:00 A.M., unless otherwise ordered by the Court. If the Monday is a national holiday, the succeeding Tuesday shall be the motion day.

- 3. EX PARTE APPLICATIONS: No hearing will be held unless deemed necessary by the Court; if the Court requires a hearing, the clerk will contact the parties and inform them of the date and time. In the moving papers' declaration of notification, the declarant shall state whether or not the application is opposed; if opposed, the declarant shall state that the opposing party was informed that the opposing party has twenty-four (24) hours from receipt of the papers to file its opposition. The matter will then stand submitted.
- 4. <u>CONTINUANCES</u>: Counsel requesting a continuance must submit a stipulation with a detailed declaration as to the reason for the requested continuance or extension of time, together with a proposed order. Stipulations, including those for second and subsequent extensions of time to respond to the complaint, are effective ONLY when approved by this Court. Any stipulation not in compliance with this order or the Local Rules will automatically be denied without further notice to the parties.
- 5. <u>CONFORMED COPIES</u>: Parties will receive conformed copies of filed documents only if extra copies and self-addressed stamped envelopes are submitted along with their lodged documents.
- 6. <u>REMOVED ACTIONS</u>: Any answers filed in state court must be refiled in this Court as a supplement to the petition. Any pending motions must be renoticed in accordance with Local Rule 7.
- 7. WAIVED LOCAL RULES: (Local Rule 23): settlement conferences are NOT mandatory; if the parties mutually agree to the holding of a settlement conference, they shall contact the clerk. (Local Rule 7.4.1): parties are NOT obligated to meet and confer, or file a declaration in connection thereto, for the purposes of preparing and filing dispositive motions (to dismiss, summary judgment, etc).

8. <u>TELEPHONIC HEARINGS</u>: Judge Real will permit oral argument on calendared motions to be heard telephonically, if (a) all involved parties consent to the telephonic hearing, and (b) the parties anticipate presenting limited argument in addition to the motion papers, raising only matters not already covered in the papers.

The Courtroom Deputy must be notified by the moving party of all counsels' intention to participate in a telephonic hearing by the Wednesday prior to the Monday hearing date.

The telephonic hearing will be held at 9:30 A.M. on the Monday date originally scheduled by the filing of the motion pursuant to FRCvP and Local Rules of this Court. The party bringing the motion will initiate the conference call, and when all counsel are present on the line, will contact the Court at 9:30 A.M. Callers will hold on the line until their motion is ready to be heard, at which time they will be patched through to the Court, the case will be called, and the telephonic hearing will commence.

9. <u>NOTICE OF THIS ORDER</u>: Counsel for plaintiff, or plaintiff, if appearing on his or her own behalf, is responsible for promptly serving this notice on defendant's counsel, and filing a proof of service with the notice attached as an exhibit with the Court. If this case came to the Court via a Noticed Removal, this burden falls to the removing defendant.

Date	MANUEL L. REAL
	U. S. DISTRICT JUDGE